

# City Of Bloomington Commission On Hispanic and Latino Affairs Minutes

Date: January 31

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Hooker Conference Room

In Attendance: Israel Herrera, Shelley Sallee, Josefa Luce, Irasema Rivera, Gavin Everett, Ruben Martí, Ricardo Martins

Also in attendance: Amy Oakley, Julian Carrillo, Rafael Guerrero, Loraine Martin, Sofia McDowell, Daniela Gutierrez, Amigos Club BHSN

Attendee not present: Gracia Valliant

Meeting was called to order by Shelley

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action Taken/Action Needed
Approval of minutes <input type="checkbox"/> FYI <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	November and December minutes are reviewed and discussed	Ruben moves to approve Nov - Israel 2nds Gavin moves to approve Dec - Ruben 2nds Both minutes were passed
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Guest: Lorraine Martin, Outreach Director, Lotus Education & arts Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> FYI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	Lotus celebrating 25th year. 25-30 world artists. Lotus Blossoms program is a Spring event to reach children with hands-on ways to experience the world. Cultural exploration. Loraine is responsible for organizing the free programming for Lotus. Ex. Lotus on the park.	Gavin will contact Loraine to set up a meeting to discuss further involvement with Lotus.
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<p>Guest: 9th District Indiana Latino Democratic Caucus Vice President Sofia McDowell</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>FYI  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Discussion  <input type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p><i>The CHLA does not support any particular political party.</i> Sofia discussed the beginnings of the LDC. She distributed applications for membership. This group acts as the eyes and ears for the going-ons of the State. A major focus of the organization is voter registration. They also focus on legislation, they track and study current bills and their impact. Legal resources and fundraising is another focus.</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
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<p>Guest: Amigos Club BHSN</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>FYI  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Discussion  <input type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p>The group is comprised of Hispanic and Latino students at BHSN. They act as a support and resource for students in the school. Some concerns these students face are monitoring for college prep.</p>	<p>Shelley will be following up and engaging this group at a future meeting.</p>
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<p>Liaison Report: Invitation to CHLA Guest for HOLA Bloomington  Free Spanish Language Tax Site at City Hall</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>FYI  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Discussion  <input type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p>Ricardo, Julian and Irasema volunteered to speak on HOLA Bloomington!  Josefa distributed documentation for Spanish Language Tax Sites</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
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New Business: City Council Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> FYI <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion	At the current time the City Council Agenda did not seem to have any information to impact the CHLA. We will continue to look over the agenda and discuss as needed.	No Action Taken
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New Business: Education Committee Report - Israel <input type="checkbox"/> FYI <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion	Annual Awards Ceremony Date and Location. CHLA was invited by the Superintendent to discuss issues that impact the Hispanic and Latino community members. Israel will be able to inform the schools of opportunities to make the environment more inclusive for the variety of students in the MCCSC. If the CHLA finds any information worthy of attention, Israel will act as the voice to communicate this. Legislation is needed to give access to in-state tuition to DACA students. There are several meetings open to the public. Israel will share the dates with the CHLA.	Israel and Shelley will continue to participate in the steering program for MCCSC
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New Business: Health & Public Safety Report - Ruben, Ricardo, Gracia and Shelley <input type="checkbox"/> FYI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	The committee has been working to establish self help groups for the Hispanic and Latino community. One such group is an AA. It is believed word of mouth will be the best way to distribute this information. <i>This is not a commission sponsored program.</i>	The committee will continue to support and assist the members of the community.
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<p>New Business: Cultural Competency Committee Report - Gavin and Irasema</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>FYI</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Discussion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p>Julian will go to the church meet up at college mall. Gavin will communicate with Nohemi Brown about the conversation the CHLA had.</p> <p>The Black and Brown Art Festival is moving along with the planning and execution. A date of May 19, 2018 has been set for the event. It will be held at Banneker Center.</p> <p>Amy Stark, from Girls Inc reached out to Irasema. Irasema has began a pilot program with Girls Inc to stimulate cultural competency and special wellness for young people, while aligning with the projects of Girls Inc.</p> <p>Ricardo has asked for the potential to spread the word about Girls Inc, Boys &amp; Girls Club and other existing programming.</p>	<p>Gavin will reach out to Nohemi Brown and inform her of Julian's interest in attending La Palabra en Espanol weekly meetings.</p>
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<p>New Business: Current Issues - Gracia</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>FYI</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Discussion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p>Gracia was not in attendance.</p> <p>There was no update.</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
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<p>New Business: Committees: Amy Oakley and Julian Carrillo, Volunteer Rafael Guerrero</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>FYI</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Discussion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p>Amy, Julian and Rafael all voiced an interest in serving and assisting committees.</p>	<p>No specific decisions were made as to which committees would be assigned.</p>

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New Business: Discussion on Committees  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FYI <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	It was decided the committees are actively engaged in their responsibility.	No Action Taken
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New Business: Lotus Festival - Rafael Guerrero  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FYI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	Rafael, Irasema, Gavin, Ricardo and Julian should have a meeting with Loraine to further discuss the possibility to be more involved with the festival. Julian would like to find a way to bring an audience that would create a focus on Hispanic and Latino culture.	Gavin will email Lorraine to set up a meeting.
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Old Business: DACA update <input type="checkbox"/> FYI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	February 8th is the vote for DACA. February 7th will be a day of action to express and voice concerns. Another concern the CHLA is looking at is the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for our community members from El Salvador.	It was commented the members of the commission should contact local and state representatives to voice their opinions.
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Old Business: Farmer's Market <input type="checkbox"/> FYI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action Item	We will revisit the need to attend the Farmer's Market at a later date.	No Action Taken
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<p>Old Business: Be More Nominations deadline Feb. 2nd</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>FYI</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Discussion</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p>Community Advocate - Carlos Bakota,</p> <p>Community Leader - Community Agency - Dr. Labban Women's Health,</p> <p>Outstanding Business - Uptown Cafe</p>	<p>Israel will be nominating the students for the awards.</p> <p>Gavin will write the letter of endorsement for Dr. Labban.</p>
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<p>Additional Items</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>FYI</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Discussion</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Action Item</p>	<p>Irasema has proposed to hold an event on the 18th @2:00 PM for an event</p> <p>Julian is putting on another event for "De Pueblo a Pueblo"</p>	<p>Motion to hold event on March 18th - Gavin</p> <p>2nd - Ricardo</p> <p>Motion was passed</p>
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<b>Meeting Adjournment</b>		